



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1734**

PATENT

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. **04329.2677-01**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Tatsuhiko EMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1734
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Application No.: 10/736,580) Examiner: Tadesse, Yewebdar T.
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Filed: December 17, 2003)
) Confirmation No.: 4483
For: FILM-FORMING METHOD,)
FILM-FORMING APPARATUS)
AND LIQUID FILM DRYING)
APPARATUS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER-FINAL

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to January 20, 2006 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants proposes that this application be amended as follows::

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 4.